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Abstract:

The article shows that in the past three decades a significant part of succession law has been reformed in many European legal systems. These reforms have changed the rules on succession by operation of law and also on reserved shares. It is noteworthy that the expert opinion of Rudolf Welser at the 17th Austrian Lawyers' Congress (2009) not only influenced the changes in succession law in Austria, but also had a positive impact on other succession law reforms, for example in Hungary.